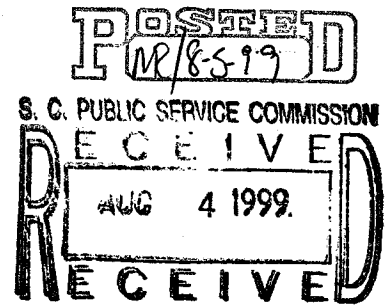


SIGFIELD WATER COMPANY, INC.  
TESTIMONY OF CAROLINE SIGMON

FOR

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-131-W



1 Q: WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT  
2 AND OCCUPATION?

3 A: My name is Caroline Sigmon. My address is 2911 Waverly Drive, Sumter, South Carolina.  
4 I manage The Rustic Market, located in Sumter, South Carolina.

5 Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

6 A: My Testimony is to support the Company's request for approval of a Management  
7 Agreement between the Company and Sumter Reforestation, Inc. which has been filed for  
8 approval by this Commission.

9 Q: WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SIGFIELD WATER COMPANY, INC.?

10 A: I am the Secretary of Sigfield Water Company. The truth is that I assist my husband,  
11 Harold Sigmon, Sr. in all ways possible to help operate the Company for the benefit of the  
12 customers. We have always felt a duty to help keep this system operating for the  
13 customers, although, many times it has been a burden on Harold and myself.

14 Q: WHAT DUTIES DO YOU PERFORM IN THIS CAPACITY FOR THE COMPANY?

15 A: I am responsible for all administrative and managerial duties for the Company.

16 Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU PERFORMED THESE DUTIES FOR THE COMPANY?

17 A: Since 1991.

18 Q: HOW MUCH TOTAL COMPENSATION HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM THE COMPANY  
19 SINCE 1991?

RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SERVICE: OK MR

1     **A:**     Zero. I have never received any compensation for any of the work that I have done for this  
2             Company and its customers. On the contrary, Harold has made loans to the Company in  
3             order to provide service to these customers, which loans have never been repaid.

4     **Q:**     **HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT REFERENCED**  
5             **HEREINABOVE AND DO YOU BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THIS**  
6             **COMMISSION?**

7     **A:**     Yes, and I believe that this Commission should approve this Management Agreement  
8             because of the many benefits which accrue to the customers. No one has had a better  
9             opportunity than I to observe the efforts which Sumter Reforestation, Inc. has put forth in  
10            order to maintain a safe and reliable water system for these customers.

11    **Q:**     **CAN YOU ELABORATE?**

12    **A:**     Sigfield Water Company does not own any equipment. For example, the Company does  
13             not own any backhoes or even a shovel in order to maintain and repair this system. There  
14             are no employees except Harold and myself. Also, Sumter Reforestation, Inc. is on call  
15             twenty-four hours a day, three hundred sixty-five days a year.

16    **Q:**     **DO YOU BELIEVE THAT SIGFIELD COULD GET SOMEONE OTHER THAN HAROLD**  
17             **SIGMON, SR. TO MANAGE THIS SYSTEM FOR \$12,000.00 PER YEAR?**

18    **A:**     No. In my opinion, the Company could not get someone else who is qualified, to manage  
19             the system for that amount.

20    **Q:**     **CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE ADEQUACY OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY SUMTER**  
21             **REFORESTATION, INC. PURSUANT TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN**  
22             **QUESTION?**

23    **A:**     Yes. It is my understanding that there were no service complaints made to the Public  
24             Service Commission prior to our filing of a rate case and our system is in full compliance

1 with DHEC regulations and is in good standing with DHEC.

2 **Q: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY ?**

3 **A:** Yes.